

September 2012

2012 Schedule of Meetings:

2012: Mar. 7th, Apr. 4th, May 9th, June 6th, July 4th, Aug. 1st, Sept. 5th, Oct. 3rd, Nov. 7th, and Dec. 5th. No meetings Jan.-Feb.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., meeting starts 8 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. NoB 2K0.

Annual Membership Dues:

Regular \$10
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**NEXT MEETING DATE:
WEDNESDAY, September 5th, 2012**



President's Message

Our next meeting is September 5th, 2012!

Congratulations to Scott Douglas on his Fellow of RCNA award! Well deserved!

If you would like to do an education presentation at one of our upcoming meetings please see me to arrange. We also welcome displays at our meetings.

Lowell welcomes consignments for our monthly auctions too!

Our fall show is coming up in October, more info inside this issue. Please sign up to volunteer a bit of your time, even if only 1/2 hour, it all helps!

Cheers! *John*



Professor Ross Weston Irwin will be at our September 5th Meeting

Mike Hollingshead advises:

Wellington County's own **Ross Irwin** will present an illustrated talk on "The Introduction of Decimal Coinage to Canada". His talk will detail the changes from the British pound, shilling and pence based economy to the decimalized coinage currently in use in North America. This will focus on the issues between 1858 and 1871. Ross has been a collector and researcher for "many years" and has interests in postal, coins and currency, as well as historical research into Wellington County and Guelph in particular. Expect the unusual with a little dry humour tossed in!

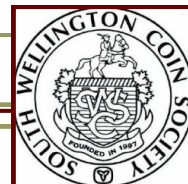
From Your Editor:

Ross may be 91 this year, but you would never know it! He's so active with research, writing, guest speaker presentations, and more! He's an inspiration to us all! *[This information was gathered from numerous sources, including Ross's own website pages too, so apologies if there is a lack of references listed.]*

Professor Ross Weston Irwin was born in the Village of Cambray, Victoria County, in 1921. In 1929 his family moved to the Village of Oakwood in the Township of Mariposa. Ross Joined the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) in 1942 and served in Italy and Northwest Europe. Following his discharge in 1946, Ross worked in Peterborough for a short time and then enrolled in the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) at Guelph in 1947. Upon graduation he received an appointment to the faculty of the College. Later Ross became a professor in the School of Engineering at the University of Guelph. Ross married Doreen Webster of Oakwood in 1949 and they have two children. *[Reference sources and excerpts taken from: "Mariposa: The Banner Township", Lindsay, Ontario: Ross Irwin Enterprises, 1984]*

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Articles of the upcoming newsletters are due to the Editor by no later than the 15th of the current month.

Advertising space will be accommodated where space is available.

Highlights of Last Meeting reported by Mike Hollingshead

Membership Draw: Don Robb's name was drawn, but he was absent so our September draw will be for \$10! This draw is eligible for "dues paid up" members present at the meeting.

Door Prize Winners: The door prize raffle was increased to 6 items thanks to a kind donation from Ernie Blair! Winners were Joey, Lowell, John, Ernie, Danielle and Jessica (with a little help from Doug). Donations for door prizes always welcomed.

King Arthur's Treasure (in honor of the memory of Art Stephenson, friend and past SWCS Executive member): Mel Brown won 69 items. Tickets cost one Canadian dollar each or five foreign coins.

Our Speaker / Education: Scott Douglas who was recently awarded a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association to add to his long list of honours, provided an

erudite and humorous "Introduction to Ontario Merchant Tokens". His research methods involve a lot of personal interviews that add to the understanding and background behind the tokens, their issuers and the reasons behind their use and eventual demise. Without a doubt, you can count on a passionate and educated presentation when Scott is in the front of the room!

Auction: Once again a success! Consignments welcomed, contact Lowell!

Congratulations to the award recipients for the awards given out at the RCNA Convention held in Calgary in July 2012.

RCNA Presidential Awards: Ian Bennett, Chris Boyer, Sgt. Tony Farahkbakian, Dan Gosling, Judi Gosling, John Jaciw, Yvon Marquis, Henry Nienhuis, Serge Pelletier, Barrie Renwick, Julaine Scott, and France Waychison.

Other RCNA Awards: Daniel Anderson (James E. Charlton Junior Exhibit Award), Judy Blackman (Best Regional / National Newsletter Editor Award for Timber Talk), Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (Best Regional / National Newsletter Award for Timber Talk), Scott Douglas (Fellow of RCNA), Ronald Greene (Paul Fiocca Awards and Sheldon Carroll Best of Show Award), Joe Kennedy (Guy Potter Literary Award CN Journal Dec. 2011 pgs 608-611), Randy Nelson (Jean Bullen Award), Ottawa Coin Society (Best Local Club Newsletter Award for Moneta), Serge Pelletier (Jerry Remick III Literary Award – Coins of the 1709 Siege of Tournai – Moneta 4 parts July-Dec. 2011, and Best Local Club Newsletter Editor Award for Moneta), Barrie Renwick (Fellow of RCNA), and Windsor Coin Club (Louise Graham Club of the Year Award).

Non-RCNA Awards: Daniel W. Gosling received, deservedly so, the J. Douglas Ferguson Award presented annually to the living numismatist who has made the greatest contribution during the year to the advancement of numismatics in Canada by research, writing, publishing, or other means.

(Check the RCNA website www.rcna.ca for the 12 exhibit award recipients.)

SWCS NEW EXECUTIVE

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Ross donated fonds to Trent University Archives. This fonds consists of research materials collected by Professor Irwin for his book on Mariposa Township, Victoria County. Material added August, 1992 includes a copy of "Mariposa: The Banner Township" and a series of 8 scrapbooks created by Mrs. Alex McIntyre of Oakwood, Ontario and donated via Professor Irwin. Additions of 1994 include slides of Lindsay, Ontario and other scenes in Victoria County taken in approximately the 1960's. Additions of 2002 include 2 notebooks of Robert Irwin, Cambray. Genealogical resource. Additions of 2010 include studio portraits of ancestral family members. Additions of 2012 include items related to the history of the Wakelin family and a scribbler with house-building notes.

In March 2010, Ross was the guest speaker for the Guelph Historical Society when he spoke on "Building the Wall". The beautiful stone wall confining the Speed River through Royal City Park was built with relief labour in the 1930s. How it came about and political problems in its construction will be presented along with a brief introduction on the early recreational use of the river and the development of Guelph's early park system in 1909.

Ross serves on the Land Improvement Contractors (LICO) of Ontario Executive. He was part of the Ad Hoc Committee for the History of Guelph Wellington Men's Club Board.

Ross became President in January 1995 of the Guelph Historical Society (GHS) and established a committee to write a new Society constitution and a new history of the city entitled "Guelph: Perspectives on a Century of Change". Ross Irwin has written an article entitled "Guelph Historical Society - 40 Years". This picture of Ross is from 1996 when Ross was President of the Guelph Historical Society. Today 2012, Guelph is 185 years old.

Ross began research of this Irwin family in 1959. He was fortunate in locating resource material to build a provable story to the mid-1700's in Co. Cavan, Ireland, a very difficult task for many due to the lack of early records. This family tree begins with a John Irwin born about 1751 and is traced through six generations to another John Irwin born in 1950.

Early Irwin family members emigrated to Canada in the 1840's, principally to Darlington Township, Durham County, Ontario. Many of their Cavan friends had preceded them. Families then pioneered in Fenelon Township, Victoria County; Howick Township, Huron County; and Plympton Township, Lambton County. Second generations of these pioneers went west to Manitoba in the 1880's and farmed at Souris and Neepawa. Others went to Two Harbours, Minnesota, to work in the shops of the iron ore railway. Third generations moved further west to Saskatchewan and beyond. Many remained in Ontario.

PART 1		PART 3
James (1725)		
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John (1751)	⇒ Jane Robert James Other Irwins	
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	PART 2	
John (1789)	⇒ Margaret James Elizabeth Esther Robert John L.	
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Robert (1826)	⇒ John K Frank Maggie Eliza Dorcas Robert Harry Sarah Silas	
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John K (1849)	⇒ Robert Mary Sarah Lillian Eva Jim Burn Frances	
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James O (1889)	⇒ Ross Lorne Stewart	
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Ross W (1921)	⇒ John Carol Anne	
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John A (1950)	⇒ Christine	

Past Presidents:

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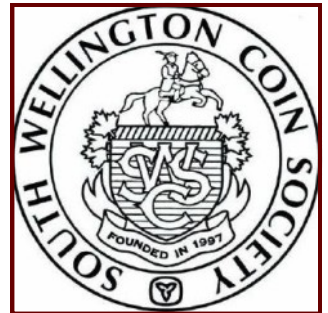
Bob Zmija –dates?

Scott Douglas –dates?

Founding-1997-2000

Scott E. Douglas

If you know the dates served by Past Presidents please let your Editor know.



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The story of this Irwin family is told in three parts. Each part is a basic research document for which other family members can add more personal detailed information for the benefit of their later generations.

Part 1: Robert Irwin, From County Cavan, Ireland, to Fenelon Township, Ontario: This Irwin family had its origin in the Bailieborough area of County Cavan, Ireland. Most were associated with Presbyterian churches at Corroneary and Corglass near Bailieborough and some with the Church of Ireland Knockbride Parish. The family is traced with solid research to about 1750 and a further probable generation to 1725. The first part traces the family from a distant James Irwin, born about 1725, through John (1751) to John (1789). These people lived and died in County Cavan, Ireland. Robert Irwin (1826), a son of John (1789), with his brothers and sisters emigrated to Darlington Township, Ontario, and then settled in Fenelon Township, Ontario. In the 1880's Robert's family went west and farmed at Souris and Neepawa, Manitoba. John King Irwin remained in Fenelon Township and Part 1 continues the direct line through his son James of Oakwood, to Ross of Guelph, to John of Ottawa with their children and grandchildren. The book is constructed so other Irwin family members can write a more detailed personal tree and include it in this book which is 112 pages, 8.5x11 format, plastic comb cerlox binding so you can add personal pages, soft cover, name index. It's available from Ross for \$16 (plus shipping).

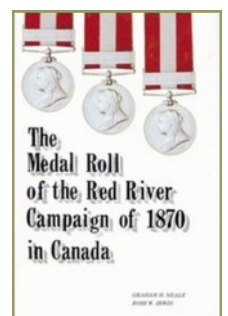
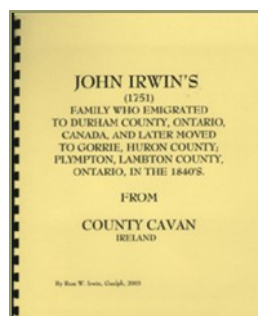
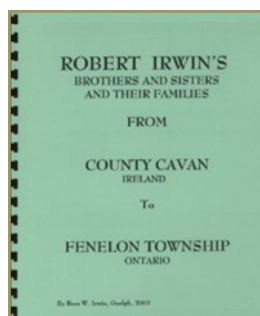
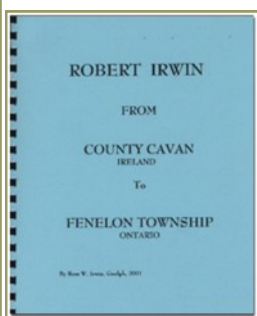
Part 2: Robert Irwin's (1826), Brothers and Sisters and their Families: Part 2 includes available information on the brothers and sisters of Robert Irwin. These families generally married in Fenelon Township, Ontario, moved west to settle at Souris, Minnedosa and Portage La Prairie, Manitoba; Two Harbours, Minn.; Liberty, Saskatchewan; Port Hope and Cavan Township, Ontario; and at Oshawa and Lindsay, Ontario. This book is 110 pages (same formatting as Part 1) and is also \$16 (plus shipping).

Part 3: John Irwin's (1751) Family who Emigrated to Durham County, Ontario, Canada, in the 1840's and later moved to Lindsay, Victoria County; Gorrie, Huron County; Plympton, Lambton County, Ontario: Part 3 includes the families of John Irwin (1751). These Irwin's emigrated to Darlington Township, Ontario, in 1843. In the 1860's they farmed at Lindsay in Victoria County, and at Gorrie in Huron County. Another branch farmed in Lambton County later moving to Sault Ste. Marie in Northern Ontario. This part includes other Irwin families who were neighbours in Ireland but for whom a relationship has not been established. This book is 26 pages, same format as the other parts; however, this one is only \$6 (plus shipping).

Ross is a well accomplished journalist and author. This was most evident when he was awarded the Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA) Award of Merit in 1986. Then he was presented the J. Douglas Ferguson Award (the highest award of the RCNA) for 1988 by the authority of the Board, Ross was awarded the J. Douglas Ferguson Award for distinguished service to Canadian Numismatics. During a period of twenty-five years, he contributed many well researched articles on Military Medals and other numismatic subjects to *The Canadian Numismatic Journal*. He is a Past President (RCNA), and has served as Editor of the Transactions of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (CNRS – which was founded in 1963). Ross has served as Deputy Chairman of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation and Chairman of its Publications Committee. He's been Editor of the *Canadian Military and Insignia Journal* and has co-authored a book on the *War Medals and Decorations of Canada* and one on *The Medal Roll of the Red River Campaign of 1870*. Ross's contributions to Canadian numismatic education by 1988 had already been recognized by the Royal Canadian Mint when he was presented with the Royal Canadian Mint Award in 1984. In the Guelph Public Library (GPL) you will find Ross Book "Guelph: Origin of City Street Names (1998)". He's been published in the local press for articles but always comments. The Guelph Mercury (Nov. 2001) published Ross's "To Market, To Market in Early Guelph". In the period 1950-2010, Ross is credited with 84 works in 105 publications in 2 languages and 288 library holdings!

In addition to those already mentioned above, some of the key, most widely held works by Ross include:

- *The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Tire Cash Bonus Coupons* (book, 2 editions published 1991-1994)
- *Pitney Bowes Metered Mail Covers* (Philatelic Records – Collection)
- *Newfoundland Meter Stamps* (Textural Records, Philatelic Records)
- *Handbook of Drainage Principles* (book, 3 editions published 1989-1997)
- *Drainage Guide for Ontario* (book)
- *Farm Drainage* (book, 1981)



Viking landing at L'Anse-aux-Meadows



This is the 1999 \$5 The Viking Settlement Five Dollar - 2 Coin Set. *[Coin Picture and Specs. Courtesy of Colonial Acre Coins]* This coin commemorates the Viking landing at L'Anse-aux-Meadows, Newfoundland, circa 1000 A.D. Norway issued a 20 Kroner coin in 1999 also commemorating the same Viking landing. These two coins were offered as a set.

Specifications: Face Value: \$5; Mintage: 28,450; Composition: 0.810% Copper, 0.090% Nickel, 0.100% Zinc; Weight (g): 9.9; Diameter (mm): 27.0; Edge: Plain; Finish: Proof.

Packaging: Oval imitation resin stone case, two-holes; brown insert, encapsulated coins, printed cardboard outer sleeve.

[Ref. Wikipedia for Educational Purposes Only]



L'Anse aux Meadows ("Jellyfish Cove") is an archaeological site on the northernmost tip of Newfoundland in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Discovered in 1960, it is the only known site of a Norse or Viking village in Canada, and in North America outside of Greenland. Dating to around the year 1000, L'Anse aux Meadows remains the only widely accepted instance of pre-Columbian trans-oceanic contact and is notable for its possible connection with the attempted colony of Vinland established by Leif Ericson around the same time period or, more broadly, with Norse exploration of the Americas. The name "L'Anse aux Meadows" made its first appearance as *Anse à la Médée* on a map of 1862, when it may have derived its name from a ship called *Medée*. This was then modified by French-speaking fishermen during the 19th and 20th centuries, who named the site *L'Anse aux Méduses*, meaning "Jellyfish Cove". The modern name is an English corruption of the French name, from *Méduses* to *Meadows*, which may have occurred because the landscape in the area tends to be open, with meadows. In 1960, the remains of a Norse village were discovered in Newfoundland by the Norwegian explorer Helge Ingstad. Archaeologists determined the site is of Norse origin because of definitive similarities between the characteristics of structures and artifacts found at the site compared to sites in Greenland and Iceland from around CE 1000. Helge Ingstad and Anne Stine Ingstad carried out seven archaeological excavations from 1961 to 1968, investigating eight complete house sites as well as the remains of a ninth. The L'Anse aux Meadows area was originally inhabited by Native peoples as far back as 6000BP. The area was probably sought because of the area's abundance of marine life and its close proximity to Labrador. The most prominent of early Native inhabitants were the Dorset Eskimo; however, during the centuries of Norse exploration of the area there were thought to be no inhabitants in the immediate area. L'Anse aux Meadows is the only known Norse site in North America outside of Greenland and represents the farthest known extent of European exploration and settlement of the New World before the voyages of Christopher Columbus almost 500 years later. It was named a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1978.

Archaeological excavation at the site was conducted in the 1960s by an international team led by archaeologist Anne Stine Ingstad (Helge Ingstad's wife) and under the direction of Parks Canada of the Government of Canada in the 1970s. Following each period of excavation, the site was reburied to protect and conserve the cultural resources. The settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows has been dated to approximately 1,000 years ago, an assessment that tallies with the relative dating of artifact and structure types. The remains of eight buildings were located. They are believed to have been constructed of sod placed over a wooden frame. Based on associated artifacts, the buildings were variously identified as dwellings or workshops. The largest dwelling measured 28.8 by 15.6 m (94.5 by 51 ft) and consisted of several rooms. Workshops were identified as an iron smithy containing a forge and iron slag, a carpentry workshop, which generated wood debris, and a specialized boat repair area containing worn rivets. Besides those related to iron working, carpentry, and boat repair, other artifacts found at the site consisted of common everyday Norse items, including a stone oil lamp, a whetstone, a bronze fastening pin, a bone knitting needle, and part of a spindle. The presence of the spindle and needle suggests that women were present as well as men. Food remains included butternuts, which are significant because they do not grow naturally north of New Brunswick, and their presence probably indicates the Norse inhabitants travelled farther south to obtain them. Archaeologists concluded that the site was inhabited by the Norse for a relatively short period of time.

Sir Casimir S. Gzowski and The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers

by Scott E. Douglas, FCNRS; FRCNA

Did you know..... ...that one of the most striking medals of the late nineteenth century has to be the Gzowski Medal? This medal is noted in Breton as #104 and LeRoux 1526F. The medal was designed by Rolph, Smith and Co. of Toronto and likely struck by P.W. Ellis and Co.



Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski was born in St. Petersburg, Russia on March 3, 1813. His father, Count Stanislaus Gzowski was a Polish nobleman and a captain in the Imperial Guard. When Casimir was 9 years old he entered the Military Engineering College where he remained for 9 years studying 3 languages and literature along with architecture, medicine, and surveying. Upon graduation in 1830, at the age of 17, his father found him a place of service with the Imperial Corp. of Engineers. In late 1830 a struggle for Poland's independence from Russian czarist rule found Casimir Gzowski, now an officer in the Polish Corp., in the middle of a bittersweet conflict. Poland had a fleeting period of independence before the Russian army regrouped and battled at the gates of Warsaw. Seven months later the city was captured. Casimir Gzowski, who had suffered minor injuries a few months earlier, was in an Austrian prison along with 4,000 of his fellow rebels. For 2 years the rebels were moved from fort to fort until the Austrian government finally allowed the rebel prisoners to be transported into permanent exile in the United States. In March of 1834 Casimir Gzowski landed in New York harbour with \$40 in his pocket from the Austrian government. Gzowski made his way to Pittsfield, Massachusetts and landed a job as a clerk in a law office. Gzowski could not speak any English but supported himself by teaching French and German, drafting and swordsmanship (fencing) in return for learning English and enough money to get by. After mastering the English language quite quickly Gzowski served an apprenticeship at law and became an American citizen. He accomplished all of this in just 3 years. In 1837 and just 24 years of

age, Gzowski headed for Pennsylvania to hang his shingle. Armed with letters of recommendation he quickly gained admission to the Pennsylvania bar and established a practice in the small town of Beaver, Pa. In 1839 Gzowski met and then married a doctor's daughter from Erie, Pa, Maria Beebe.

Pennsylvania, alive with internal improvements involving roads, bridges, and canals captured the notice of Gzowski and his skill as a military engineer soon came into play. Aligning himself with William Milnor Roberts, the chief engineer of many of these canal projects, Gzowski found himself heading across Lake Erie to Canada and the possibility of working on the reconstruction of the Welland canal. Although his efforts to win the contract for Roberts failed a chance encounter with Governor Charles Bagot, an acquaintance of Gzowski's father would lead to Casimir Gzowski remaining in Canada for the rest of his life. In 1842 Gzowski moved his family, 2 daughters and a son, to London, Ontario where he immediately began construction on roads, bridges, lighthouses throughout southern Ontario as well as building 2 harbours, each in Port Stanley and Rond Eau (Rondeau). Gzowski began working out of Toronto in 1845 when he took charge of improvements to Yonge Street north all the way to Lake Simcoe.

Introduction of the Guarantee Act by the provincial legislature in the spring of 1849 revived many railway projects. Gzowski's talent was sought after by many different firms. Soon Gzowski formed his own contracting firm known as C.S. Gzowski and Company. In November 1852 Gzowski and Company won the contract to build the Toronto and Guelph Railway. Their bid of £355,600 (or £7,350 per mile) was accepted and as the saying goes Casimir Gzowski was on his way. With the railway boom firmly underway Gzowski would do quite well in the many projects he participated in. There was controversy at times to the tendering and execution of contracts and subsequent railway mergers and takeovers. Allegations of stock 'manipulation' cropped up from time to time but little came of it. Gzowski's final triumph came in 1870 when he and long time business associate David Macpherson contracted to build a railway bridge across the Niagara River linking Fort Erie and Buffalo. This project proved to be very challenging and over the next 4 years Gzowski showed why he was considered one of the best ever. His engineering ingenuity was brilliant as he met difficulty after difficulty head on. The 3,651 foot bridge opened on October 27, 1873. At the dedication the General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, Charles Brydges, declared "*There is no other man in this country who could have carried on the work of this bridge or gone through the daily and hourly anxiety which it entailed during the past four years save for Colonel Gzowski.*"

Gzowski avoided participating in politics all his life and yet he could not escape the notice of Sir John A Macdonald. However, Macdonald did get him to agree to head a royal commission on canals and later serve as organizer and trustee for a \$67,000 trust fund to provide the prime minister with a regular income commensurate with his position. Later, Macdonald named Gzowski honorary aide-de-camp to Queen Victoria. In 1890, on the recommendation of Macdonald, Gzowski was awarded a knighthood by Queen Victoria. He was made a KCMG in recognition of "*valuable services rendered to the Dominion of Canada.*"

Gzowski in his later years would assume many symbolic roles. He was the first chairman of the Niagara Fall Parks Commission, first President of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, Vice-President of the Ontario Bank, President of the Corporation of Wycliffe College and President of the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company to name a few. He was a generous benefactor to many institutions and charities.

In 1887 Gzowski helped form the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. He served as President from 1889 to 1891. In September 1890 Gzowski and the Society announced an endowment in the form of a silver medal to be awarded annually for the best paper on an engineering subject. The *Rules for the Award* expressed by the Society state in part;

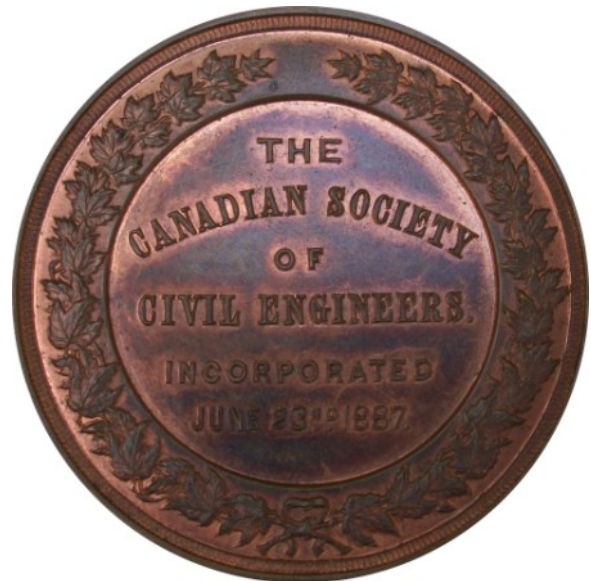
"A silver medal, to be called the 'Gzowski medal', shall be struck each year from the annual proceeds of the fund, provided for that purpose, by Colonel Sir Casimir Gzowski."

In 1918 the Society was renamed the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC) with the goal of representing all branches of engineering in Canada. In 1970 the Institute converted into a federation of independent member societies. In 1972 the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering re-established under the EIC federation effectively retaining the history of the original Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

When the EIC was formed in 1918 the Gzowski medal underwent some changes and became a smaller medal, 32mm in size but made of 10 karat gold. The modifications show a shield with a beaver and the reverse has wording describing what the award is for. In 1978 the metal composition was changed to gilt silver.

The Canadian Society for Civil Engineering still exists today and the gold Gzowski medal described above is still awarded annually for the best technical paper.

Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski died at 6am Aug. 24, 1898 at his home in Toronto.



Obverse: Sir Casimir S. Gzowski, facing forward in the uniform of a Colonel. The words GZOWSKI MEDAL in the upper field and the designer ROLPH, SMITH & Co. at the base.

Reverse: Inscription within a wreath of maple; The/Canadian Society/of/Civil Engineers/Incorporated/June 23 rd 1887.

Besides the official silver award medal founded in 1890 the above Gzowski medal is known in bronze (scarce) and copper plated white metal but is most commonly found in white metal. It is unknown to this author to have ever been struck in gold.

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We appreciate his valuable contribution.

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- **SEPT. 9, Brampton, ON** - Brampton Coin Show, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. E. Buy, sell, trade and appraise at more than 40 tables of dealers, featuring coins, medals, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria. Children's table. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$3, under 14 free. Free parking. Funds raised for children's charities. Sponsor/Affiliate: B&W Coins & Tokens and the Brampton Rotary Club. For more information contact B&W Coins & Tokens, Willard Burton telephone 905-450-2870, email b_and_w@sympatico.ca.
- **SEPT. 15 - 16, Cambridge, ON** - TL Coin Show, Cambridge Conference Centre, 700 Hespeler Rd. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$4, students and seniors \$2, under 12 free. Free parking, draw for gold coin. For more information contact Linda Robinson, telephone 289-235-9288, email lindarobinson@cogeco.ca; or Tom Kennedy, telephone 519-271-8825. Website: <http://www.tlcoinshow.com>.
- **SEPT. 23, London, ON** - Twentieth Annual Coin Show, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd., just off 401. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Ted Leitch, telephone 519-472-9679.
- **SEPT. 28 - 29, Toronto, ON** - Toronto Coin Expo, The Bram & Bluma Appel Salon located at the Toronto Reference Library, 2nd Floor, 789 Yonge St. Bourse hours: Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Canada's premium coin, bank note and collectible show. More than 30 dealers in attendance. Partnering with numismatic auction house Geoffrey Bell Auctions. Auction Sept. 28. For more information contact Jared Stapleton, email torontocoinexpo@gmail.com, telephone 647-403-7334.
- **SEPT. 29 - 30, Toronto, ON** - UKRAINPEX 2012, St. Demetrius the Great Martyr Church, 135 La Rose Ave. Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ukrainian stamps, coins and collectibles exhibition and bourse. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto). For more information contact Jerry Kalyn, email ucest@upns.org, telephone 416-251-6898.
- **SEPT. 30, Windsor, ON** - Ninth Semi Annual Essex County Coin Show and Sale, Fogular Furlan Club, 1800 EC Row Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Show features 20 tables offering a wide variety of American, Canadian, world coinage and paper money; colonial and War of 1812 coins; tokens; bullion; certified and ungraded coins; and mint products. Admission is voluntary donation to Canadian Diabetes Association. Sponsor/Affiliate: Co-sponsor Canadian Diabetes Association. For more information contact club president Dan Jones, telephone 519-819-1805, email djones33@cogeco.ca.
- **OCT. 7, Ancaster, ON** - Ancaster Nostalgia Show And Sale, Marritt Hall, on the new Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Rd. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Admission \$5 per person, children under 12 admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Featuring coins, paper money, tokens, military collectibles, small antiques, old toys, dolls, tins, bottles, vintage paper, postcards, old photos, old books, vintage magazines, automobile advertising, gas station memorabilia, stamps and much more. For more information contact Ian Ward, telephone 519-426-8875, email toyshow@kwic.com. Website: <http://www.ancastershow.blogspot.com>.
- **OCT. 20, Oshawa, ON** - Coin-A-Rama, Five Points Mall. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free dealer membership, hourly public draws. Free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa and District Coin Club. For more information contact Sharon Maclean, telephone 905-728-1352, email papman@bell.net.
- **OCT. 21, Stratford, ON** - Stratford Coin Club, Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults \$2 admission, 16 and under free. Buy sell coins, paper money, tokens. Sponsor/Affiliate: Stratford Coin Club. For more information contact Larry Walker, telephone 519-271-3352, email iswalker@cyg.net.
- **OCT. 27 - 28, Toronto, ON** - Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Rd. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Under 16 free! Official Auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company. The Hilton Toronto Airport hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport. For more information call 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	EST. VALUE	START PRICE	YOUR BID	WINNING BID
1	Canada 1965 50 cent Silver MS 60	\$ 20.00	\$ 8.00		
2	Canada 1967 25 cent Silver MS 60	\$ 12.00	\$ 5.00		
3	Canada 1923 25 cent Band Note E.F.	\$ 70.00	\$ 35.00		
4	Canada 1967 Dollar Bank Note U.C.	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00		
5	Canada 1971 Dollar Bank Note	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00		
6	Canada 1976 Dollar Coin MS60	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00		
7	Canada 1986 Dollar Coin MS63	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
8	Canada 1988 Loonie MS64	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
9	Canada 1999-2000 2 sets of quarters	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00		
10	1976 Lot -Crombie \$1, Mao Tse Tung, + 5 CTC notes	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00		
11	Canada 2004 \$20 Note Overstamped	?	\$ 20.00		
12	Canada 1973 \$1 Note U.C.	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00		
13	Canada 1967 \$1 Note M.P. U.C.	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00		
14	Canada 1967 \$1 Note Replacement	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00		
15	Canada 2000 Set of Quarters B.U.	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
16	Canada 1964 25 cent Silver MS64	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00		
17	Canada 1965 25 cent Silver MS64	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00		
18	Canada 1989 10 cent Proof	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00		
19	Canada 1981 10 cent Proof	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00		
20	Tour Coins	?	\$ 1.00		
21	Canada 1992 Set of Quarters - Mint	\$ 14.00	\$ 7.00		
22	4 Coins	?	\$ 1.00		
23	4 Coins	?	\$ 1.00		
24	Great Britain 7 different pennies	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00		
25	1979 Portland Convention Pass	?	\$ 2.00		
26	Canada 2002 Loonie MS60	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00		
27	Canada 1981 Dollar MS63	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
28	Canada 1993 50 cent Proof	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00		
29	Canada 1987 50 cent Proof	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00		
30	Canada 1982 50 cent Proof	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00		
31	1973 Franklin Mint -Member coin .25oz Sterl Sil Proof	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00		
32	1975 Franklin Mint -Member coin .25oz Sterl Sil Proof	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00		
33	1978 Franklin Mint -Member coin .25oz Sterl Sil Proof	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00		
34	1980 Franklin Mint -Member coin .10oz Sterl Sil Proof	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.00		
35	1981 Franklin Mint -Member coin .10oz Sterl Sil Proof	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.00		
36	Canada 1994 Roll of cents	?	\$ 1.00		
37	Canada 1993 Roll of dimes	?	\$ 5.00		
38	Canada 1994 Roll of nickels	?	\$ 2.00		
39	10 Banknote covers	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00		
40	Canada 1966 1 cent MS60	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00		

For coin submissions contact Lowell Wierstra at 519 -824-6534